

DRY WEATHER LIKELY

Weather is likely to remain dry with partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today.
Night temperature may rise slightly and day temperature may remain nearly

unchanged over the country, Met Office said.
The sun sets in the capital today at 5:15pm and rises tomorrow at 6:36am.
Country's highest temperature 28.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at

Sitakunda and lowest 7.2 degrees at Srimangal.
Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka 28.0	13.0	67	59	Khulna 27.5	12.4	85	58
Chittagong 25.0	13.4	85	60	Barisal 27.0	11.4	82	58
Rajshahi 25.7	10.4	97	83	Sylhet 26.3	13.0	52	56
Rangpur 22.7	12.5	84	74	Cox's Bazar 28.0	12.4	53	70

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brief

Joint forces to conduct drives in capital if necessary: DMP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) said joint forces will conduct drives in the capital, if necessary.
"We have considerable information about three people out of the 11 who took part in the rampage at Motijheel on Friday. If we fail to bring them to book soon, there may be a joint drive," Monirul Islam, joint commissioner of DMP, told reporters yesterday.
On Friday, more than 500 Jamaat-Shibir men unleashed a reign of terror near Motijheel AGB Colony kitchen market, protesting the execution of war criminal Abdul Quader Mollah.
DMP published photographs of 11 people on its website and announced Tk 1 lakh reward for information leading up to the arrest of each.

Pro-BNP-Jamaat teachers call for non-party polls-time government

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
University Teachers Association of Bangladesh (UTAB), a body of pro-BNP-Jamaat teachers, yesterday urged the government to stop the "one-sided and farcical" election and reintroduce non-party polls-time government for a free, fair and participatory election to save the country and its democracy.
A statement, signed by all 625 members of UTAB, noted that in a country of 160 million people with more than 90 million voters, only 600 candidates, from 16 out of 40 active political parties, showed interest in participating in the polls.

BGB seizes illegal goods worth Tk 526cr this year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) this year seized contraband goods and drugs worth over Tk 526.52 crore while those were being smuggled in and out of the country.
BGB also rescued 685 women and 168 children from being trafficked out of the country and detained 16 human traffickers and filed 404 cases in this connection, said a press release yesterday.
BGB detained 1,488 persons on charge of smuggling in 11 months since January this year. The drugs include Phensidyl, Yaba pills and foreign wine.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Kazi Sayeed Uddin Papon, an associate professor of Khagrachhari Government College, died due to a cardiac arrest on Monday. He was 46.
He left behind his wife and two children, says a press release.
A doa mahfil will be held on Friday after Juma prayers in the capital's Shekherter's house-10 and road-9.



ONGOING POLITICAL TURBULENCE
Mosharraf denies impact on manpower export
Facts prove otherwise

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Labour and Overseas Employment Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain yesterday emphatically denied that the ongoing political turbulence is affecting manpower exports although facts prove otherwise.
Mosharraf was addressing a press briefing at his ministry marking International Migrants' Day slated for today.
The Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training Director General Begum Shamsun Nahar, earlier this month, said, "The current feature of manpower exports is alarming," adding that there was a negative impact on the sector due to the recent spate of hartals and blockades.
The government has sent 3.95 lakh workers abroad from January till yesterday but the figure was 6 lakh in 2012, according to the BMET.
Mosharraf blamed the impact of economic recession over the labour importing countries' less demands that caused a drop in manpower export this year significantly.

Hannan Shah gets bail in vandalism, arson case
Still to remain in jail for two other cases

COURT CORRESPONDENT
A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to BNP leader Brig (ret'd) ASM Hannan Shah in a case filed for preventing police from discharging their duties, vandalising and torching a vehicle in the capital during an opposition hartal.
The case was filed with Bhatara Police Station on October 26 accusing 19 named and 15 unnamed leaders and activists of the BNP-led 18-party alliance.
Judge (vacation) Arifur Rahman of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order after Hannan's lawyer submitted a bail petition.
But the BNP leader will remain in jail as he was earlier shown arrested in two other cases filed by Motijheel police in September and November for attempting to murder police and triggering violence.
On November 25, police detained Hannan from the capital's Baridhara area. Later, he was shown arrested in the three cases.
The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka on



Two factions of Jatiya Party (Ershad) clash at Jahaji Company intersection in Rangpur city yesterday over their alleged attempts to establish supremacy inside the party. The conflict left at least 10 people injured. Story on page 13.
PHOTO: STAR

BNP can't join 10th nat'l poll anymore
Say two top AL leaders, stressing dialogue can happen only for 11th general election

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Two top Awami League leaders yesterday categorically said the main opposition BNP had no scope to participate in the forthcoming 10th parliamentary polls, even if the two parties reached any consensus through the ongoing talks.
Discussions can now be held with the opposition for the 11th parliamentary polls, not for the upcoming one, they told separate programmes in the capital.
Meanwhile, Prime Minister and AL President Sheikh Hasina is due to hold a meeting with its allies in the 14-party combine today and with her party colleagues tomorrow to discuss the recent political scenario and the next course of action of the party and the government.
Sources in the AL said the party was not interested in talks with BNP as they believe that no solution will come out through it. Rather, AL wants to sit with the opposition over the 11th national polls, they told The Daily Star.
About the ongoing talks with BNP, AL adviser Suranjit Sengupta said dialogue could now be held with the opposition for the 11th parliamentary polls. "No scope is left for talks with the opposition party on the 10th parliamentary elections, as the Awami League has already won most of the seats unopposed," he said.
Suranjit also said talks could happen with BNP if the government thought it would hold a mid-term election. The veteran leader was addressing a discussion protesting hartal and blockade by the BNP-led 18-party alliance at the Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh organised by Nouka Somorthok Goshthi.
Communications Minister Obaidul Quader, also AL

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